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SUBJECT: EIGHTH KOREA-U.S. COMMERCE MININSTERS MEEING SCHEDULE

**DETAILS** 

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- 1. COMMERCE OFFICIALS HAVE ASKED FOR IDENTIFICATION OF THE KOREAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION (HAN MI HYOP HOI) WHICH EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS AS VENUE FOR ADDRESS BY SECRETARY KREPS. ASSOCIATION WAS INCORPORATED IN 1963 AS A NON-PROFIT, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE PROMOTION OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE USA AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BY PROVIDING A FORUM FOR DISTINGUISHED LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THROUGH VARIOUS SPECIAL ACTIVITIES. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, EMBASSY ALONG WITH AMERICAN COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THE ASSOCIATION'S PROGRAMS.
- 2. HAN MI'S NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT IS MR. SONG IN SANG, PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF KOREA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FORMER MINISTER OF FINANCE AND AMBASSADOR TO THE E.C. THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND THE ROK FOREIGN MINISTER SERVE AS HONORARY PRESIDENTS WHILE UNC/US 8TH ARMY COMMANDER SERVES AS HONOARY ADVISOR. MEMBERSHIP COMBINES VIRTUALLY ALL AMCHAM MEMBERS, AND LEADERS FROM EVERY SECTOR OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY WITH KOREAN LEADERS FROM EVERY FIELD. THEREFORE, ORGANIZATION OFFERS WIDEST POSSIBLE AMERICAN

AUDIENCE WITH INTEREST IN HEARING THE SECRETARY TOGETHER WITH KOREAN BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC LEADERS WHO ARE ALSO DEEPLY INTERESTED IN WHAT SECRETARY WILL SAY. ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS AMCHAM WOULD OFFER A MUCH MORE RESTRICTED AUDIENCE THAN SECRETARY DESERVES AND EMBASSY BELIEVES SHE SHOULD REACH. HER CONTACTS WITH AMCHAM CAN BE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE IF KEPT ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.

3. COMMERCE OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO ASKED WHETHER HIGH LEVEL COURTESY CALLS AND A LUNCHEON ARE CONFIRMED. ACTUALLY SECRETARY WILL BE EXPECTED BY ROKG TO PAY APPROPRIATE CALLS, AND MCI ACTION OFFICERS WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AS PLANNING GOES FORWARD. SNEIDER

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